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1. HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER JANOS PETER DEPARTED LATE ON SEPTEMBER 7 AFTER A THREE DAY VISIT. IN ADDITION TO HIS TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI, PETER ALSO HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK, WAS RECEIVED BY PREMIER JABLONSKI, AND VISITED SEVERAL INDUSTRIAL SITES, PETER'S DISCUSSIONS WITH POLISH LEADERS EVIDENTLY COVERED THE WATERFRONT OF INTERNATIONAL AND BILATERAL SUBJECTS, WITH WARSAW PRESS COVERAGE PLAYING HEAVILY ON THE THEME OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF "BROTHERLY COOPERATION" BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. FINANCE MINISTER LAJOS FALUVEGI, WHOSE PARTIALLY OVERLAPPED PETER'S BUT
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SEPTEMBER 8.

2. THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 8 FOLLOWING PETER'S VISIT, NOTED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE INCREASINGLY CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, AND SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL AREAS. IT DECLARES THAT THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS DISCUSSED POSSIBILITIES OF BROADER EXCHANGES OF VIEWS AS WELL AS POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS AND COOPERATION OF THEIR TWO MINISTRIES IN FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS AND ADOPTED A PLAN AIMED AT FURTHERING SUCH COOPERATION DURING THE PERIOD 1973-74. BESIDES FAVORABLE EXPRESSIONS ON DETENTE, THE COMMUNIQUE CONTAINS A PLUG FOR "POSITIVE RESULTS" IN FRG-CSSR TALKS AND FOR MUTUAL NORMALIZATION OF FRG RELATIONS WITH HUNGARY AND BULGARIA. WITHOUT MENTIONING ICCS OR THE TWO COUNTRIES' ROLE THEREON, THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO CALLS FOR FULL RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLES OF INDOCHINA AND FOR ADHERENCE TO THE PARIS AGREE-MENT AS THE ONLY WAY TO ASSURE PEACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

3. COMMENT: AN EXCEPTIONALLY WARM ATMOSPHERE FOR THE VISIT WAS SET BY OLSZOWSKI'S AND PETER'S WELCOMING AND ARRIVAL SPPECHES, BOTH OF WHICH WERE CARRIED IN FULL BY THE PRESS HERE. ADDITIONALLY, OLSZOWSKI WAS CAREFUL TO POINT OUT--AND THE COMMUNIQUE UNDERSCORES THIS--THAT THEIR AIMS IN EXPANDING BILATERAL COOPERATION ACCORD WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF SOCIALIST INTEGRATION AND SERVE TO STRENGTHEN THE UNITY OF THE SOCIALIST CAMP. HOWEVER, PETER, IN A REFERENCE TO HISTORIC TRADITIIONS OF POLISH-HUNGARIAN FRIENDSHIP, MAY HAVE RAISED SOME EYEBROWS IN MOSCOW WHEN HE NOTED THAT "IN THE STRUGGLE WITH A COMMON ENEMY WE HAVE OFTEN BEEN ABLE TO COUNT ONLY ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE". IN ANY EVENT, POLAND AND HUNGARY SEEM INTENT ON PURSUING SOME KIND OF SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP, AND ONE CAN ONLY WONDER WHAT, IF ANY, IMPLICATIONS THIS MAY HAVE FOR BLOC RELATIONS AS A WHOLE.
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